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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are the claims pending in the application. In response to the non-statutory double patenting rejection of Claims 1-20 as being unpatentable over individual U.S. Patent Nos. 6,673,924; 6,602,366; 6,848,926; 6,632,305; and 6,423,844, Applicants, to facilitate prosecution, previously filed the appropriate terminal disclaimers on June 29, 2006. However, a minor

- 5 typographical error existed with the fifth terminal disclaimer as the prior patent number 6,423,844 was inadvertently omitted. Accordingly, and as instructed by the Examiner, Applicants are re-submitting the terminal disclaimer, which was executed on June 29, 2006, with the prior patent number 6,423,844 typed in the appropriate space on the form. Should this modified terminal disclaimer be insufficient, Applicants are also submitting a newly executed
- 10 Terminal Disclaimer for prior patent number 6,423,844, however, the Terminal Disclaimer fee box is not marked as Applicant previously paid for the Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, this correction should put Claims 1-20 in condition for immediate allowance.

**I. Formal Matters and Conclusions**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

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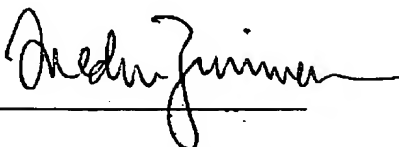
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